(b) by when the allotments are likely to be made to the remaining persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Allotment of retail outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships is made under the Special Scheme to widows/next of kin of Defence personnel killed in action in OP Vijay (Kargil) on the recommendations of the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Ministry of Defence. So far, recommendations in respect of 455 cases have been received from the DGR, out of which allotment of dealerships/ distributorships to 429 beneficiaries has been approved by the Government.

Fire at CNG stations in Delhi

1632. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a spurt in the incidents of fire at CNG filling stations in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during the last six months;

(c) whether the spare parts of the CNG compressor are imported from Singapore with the result that compressor remains non-functional for at least 15 days and the supply of gas is also affected; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to make the availability of spare parts in India on demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No Madam.

(b) Two cases have been reported during the past 6 months one on 21.08.2001 and the other on 14.10.2001.

(c) Spares in respect of Galileo Compressors only are procured from Singapore, as the original equipment manufacturer located in the USA has its dealer based in Singapore. Similarly, spares for other type of compressors are procured from the country of their origin only. The spare parts of imported equipments are procured along with the package as well as imported for subsequent use in the equipment. The procurement is made in advance to attend to the schedule and break down maintenance of the machines so that the machine is put back to operation in the shortest possible time and the CNG supply is not affected for longer duration.

(d) Spare parts of CNG compressors need to be procured only from the country of origin for reliable operation.

Sale of Jute Batching Oil to Jute Mills

1633. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that JBO-C (Type 1) and JBO-P (Type 2) are being sold to Indian Jute Mills by Haldia Refinery and Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) if so, whether both these Batching Oils are exported to Bangladesh for use by their Jute Mils also as Bangladesh is a very large producer of Jute goods;

(c) whether the sales of JBO has decreased after Notification No. 828 (E) dated the 28th August, 2001 of Government to bring down maximum JBO content in Jute Bags from 8 per cent to 3 per cent to protect human health; and

(d) if so, whether it matches the reduction of 5 per cent use by Indian Jute Mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) JBO-C (Type 1) and JBO-P (Type 2) are being sold by Indian Oil Corporation from the Haldia Refinery.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The average sales of JBO during the months of September 2001 and October 2001 was 3.5 TMTs whereas the average sales during the period April 2001 to August 2001 was 2.74 TMTs.

Rationalisation of prices charged by hotels

1634. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of rationalisation of the rates charged by the five star hotels including the hotels run by ITDC for providing liquid delicacies like mineral water, juice, aerated drinks etc., to their residents;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating whether Government propose to rationalise the prices of such items; and